

Ranger-led Activity Schedule

July 2014

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Join us for a variety of ranger-led programs from easy walks and evening talks to boat tours and all-day hikes.

Join a Ranger - Opportunities abound for all ages and skill-levels



An interpretive talk NPS / TOM GRAY

A wide variety of ranger-led programs are offered throughout the park. These offerings include guided hikes, talks, boat tours, drop-ins, and evening programs, and provide opportunities to connect with the natural and cultural resources within the park. Almost all programs are free with the exception of the guided boat tours and select *Native America Speaks* programs.

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER!

The Junior Ranger Program is an enjoyable way to learn how to help keep Glacier National Park wild and beautiful. Stop by the St. Mary, Logan Pass, Apgar Visitor Centers, or the Discovery Cabin in Apgar Village and pick up a free Junior Ranger Activity Booklet. A pre-reader version is available for our youngest Junior Rangers.



Children (and maybe parents too!) will be challenged to complete the activities in the booklets and earn an official Glacier Junior Ranger Badge.

Native America Speaks



Native America Speaks NPS / JONATHAN RINER

Blackfeet and Kootenai tribal members share their knowledge of Native American history and culture. Programs are offered in campgrounds, lodges, and at the St. Mary Visitor Center.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

Jack Gladstone, a Grammy-nominated Blackfeet singer/songwriter, presents his popular “Buckskin PoetSongs” program at the Many Glacier Hotel and Lake McDonald Lodge.

The **Blackfeet Singers and Dancers** provide insight into Blackfeet history and culture through narration and fancy, jingle, traditional, and grass dance demonstrations at the St. Mary Visitor Center.

Accessibility



Accessible options are available for many ranger-led activities (see program lists). A sign language interpreter or assistive listening devices may be available upon request by calling 406-888-7931 at least two weeks in advance of your visit.

International Peace Park Hike - Connecting Glacier and Waterton parks



Hands Across the Border NPS

Hike with both US National Park Service and Parks Canada staff on this exploration of the world’s first International Peace Park. Hike across the international boundary from Waterton to Goat Haunt and return to Waterton via boat. Bring proper identification for the border crossing. *Bertha Lake Trailhead in Waterton Townsite*
7 hour, moderate 8.5-mile hike (13.6 km)

Each hike includes a boat trip fee and is limited to 35 people, so you must pre-register at either the St. Mary Visitor Center in Glacier (406-732-7750) or the Waterton Lakes Visitor Information Centre in Waterton (403-859-5133). Reservations are only accepted for the next scheduled hike (open on Wednesday for Saturday hikes; open on Saturday for Wednesday hikes).

GOAT HAUNT

10:00 am
Every Wednesday
and Saturday in
the month of July



Bring proper ID for the border crossing.

The Glacier Institute - Celebrating 30 Years of Learning Gone Wild



Learning in the park GLACIER INSTITUTE

The Glacier Institute provides innovative outdoor education programs within and around Glacier National Park. For more information on times, locations, and attending summer courses contact:

The Glacier Institute
P.O. Box 1887
Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-1211
www.glacierinstitute.org

2014 Summer Field Courses	Dates	Pricing
Babies in Backpacks	July 5	By donation
The Art of Interpretive Writing	July 6-7	\$175
Nature Photography	July 8-11	\$425
Family Camp	July 11-13	\$200+
Wildflower Wanderings	July 13	\$65
Of Bears and Berries	July 14	\$65
Geology Along the Highline	July 14	\$65
Women's Fly Fishing	July 19	\$65

Glacier Park Boat Company - Boat Trips with guided walks



Lake Josephine © DEEPU SASIDHARAN

Glacier Park Boat Company offers scenic boat cruises as well as optional guided hiking treks.

Tour length and prices vary

Contact the Glacier Park Boat Company to plan your trip. 406-257-2426 & www.glacierparkboats.com.

GRINNELL VALLEY CRUISE AND HIKE

Take a relaxing cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes followed by an optional walk to spectacular Grinnell Lake.
3½ hours, easy 1.8-mile round-trip hike (2.9 km)
Daily 9:00 am and 2:00 pm
Many Glacier Hotel Boat Dock

TWO MEDICINE LAKE CRUISE AND HIKE

Cruise on scenic Two Medicine Lake followed by an optional walk to beautiful Twin Falls.
2½ hours, easy 1.8-mile round-trip hike (2.9 km)
Daily 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
Two Medicine Boat Dock

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9:00 am	Cobalt Lake Hike	•											•				•						•									
9:00 am	Boat Trip & Hike to Dawson Pass		•						•											•				•						•		
9:00 am	Firebrand Pass Hike					•				•						•										•					•	
10:30 am	Native Games for Kids		•							•							•							•							•	
10:30 am	Junior Rangers Unite!					•							•							•							•					
10:30 am	Scenic Point Hike						•							•							•							•				
11:30 am	Boat Trip & Hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake			•					•		•						•		•				•		•					•		•
12:00 pm	Rockwell Falls Hike		•			•				•			•				•			•				•			•				•	
12:30 pm	Aster Park Hike				•			•				•			•				•			•				•			•			
8:00 pm	Native America Speaks		•			•				•			•				•			•				•		•				•		
8:00 pm	Two Medicine Campground Ranger Talk	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•

Walks & Hikes

Aster Park Hike
Walk to Aster Falls, then continue sharply up to Aster Park Overlook with panoramic views of the Two Medicine valley.
Two Medicine Campstore
4 hours, moderate 3.8-mile hike (6 km)
670 ft elevation gain

Cobalt Lake Hike
Walk past waterfalls and through flower-filled meadows to beautiful Cobalt Lake.
Two Medicine Campstore
7 hours, moderate 11.4-mile hike (18.3 km)
1,400 ft elevation gain

Firebrand Pass Hike
Explore the southeast corner of Glacier and learn about fire ecology. Hike through four different biotic zones up to rugged Firebrand Pass.
Pullout on the north side of mile marker 203 on Highway 2 (6 miles west of East Glacier)
8 hours, strenuous 9.6-mile hike (15.4 km)
1,800 ft elevation gain



Bighorn sheep

Rockwell Falls Hike
Hike to Aster Falls, then ascend the valley beneath Sinopah Mountain to Rockwell Falls.
Two Medicine Campstore
5 hours, moderate 6.8-mile hike (10.9 km)
375 ft elevation gain

Scenic Point Hike
Hike through rugged glaciated valleys with spectacular vistas climbing steadily in elevation.
Scenic Point Trailhead
5 hours, strenuous 6.2-mile hike (9.9 km)
2,350 ft elevation gain

Boat Tours & Hikes

Purchase tickets in advance. Fee: \$12.25 adults, \$6 children ages 4-12, free for ages 3 and younger. Call 406-257-2426 for reservations.

Boat Trip & Hike to Upper Two Medicine Lake
Cruise scenic Two Medicine Lake and join a ranger for a hike to Twin Falls and Upper Two Medicine Lake.
Two Medicine Boat Dock
5 hours, easy 4.4-mile hike (7 km)
350 ft elevation gain



Talks & Evening Programs

Native America Speaks
Members of the Kootenai and Blackfoot Tribes share their cultural histories and traditions with visitors. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40)
45 minutes

Two Medicine Campground Ranger Talk
Experience a national park tradition by joining a ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics.
Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40)
45 minutes



Children’s Programs

Children’s programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while in attendance.

Native Games for Kids
Car packed for the next adventure, but have a little time on your hands? Kids, grab your adults and come experience games that were played (and still are!) by Montana’s original inhabitants. These short games are fun, stimulating, and as unique as the children themselves. Recommended for ages 5-12.
Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40)
20-30 minutes

Junior Rangers Unite!
Calling all Junior Rangers! Come together and learn about how you can help make a difference in protecting our national parks. If you are not a Junior Ranger, come learn how to be one. If you have completed the program in other parks, bring your collection of other Junior Ranger badges/patches. Recommended for ages 5-12.
Two Medicine Amphitheater (Loop B, site 40)
20-30 minutes



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7:00 am	Early Morning Bird Walk							•							•							•								•			
8:30 am	Boat Trip & Hike to Grinnell Glacier													•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:30 am	Heart of Glacier Hike	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9:00 am	Boat Trip & Hike to Grinnell Valley	🦽	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•																				
2:00 pm	Where Have All the Glaciers Gone?						•							•							•							•					
2:00 pm	Nature Walk	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2:00 pm	Geology Rocks!	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		
2:00 pm	Junior Rangers Unite!			•							•							•							•								•
4:00 pm	Historic Hotel Tour	🦽	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5:30 pm	Scope it Out! A Watchable Wildlife Activity	🦽	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:00 pm	Jack Gladstone’s “Buckskin PoetSongs”													•							•							•					
8:00 pm	Many Glacier Campground Ranger Talk		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8:00 pm	Many Glacier Hotel Evening Program	🦽	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	

Walks & Hikes

Early Morning Bird Walk
Identify and listen to the songbirds of the valley. Bring binoculars and a field guide.
Boat dock behind the Many Glacier Hotel
3 hours, easy 3-mile walk (4.8 km)

Heart of Glacier Hike
Discover the treasures of Glacier’s interior on a hike to Iceberg Lake or one of the other unique areas in the heart of Glacier. May include walking on snow.
Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch
6-7 hours, moderate 10-mile hike (16 km)

Nature Walk
Explore the natural world along the way to Wilbur Falls and Fishercap Lake.
Swiftcurrent Motor Inn porch
1 hour, easy 1-mile walk (1.6 km)

Spotting Scope Programs

Scope It Out! A Watchable Wildlife Activity
Drop in between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm and use our spotting scopes to scan the slopes for wildlife as a park ranger answers questions about Glacier’s animals.
Swiftcurrent Motor Inn parking lot



Talks & Evening Programs

Where Have All the Glaciers Gone?
Join a ranger to learn about the advance and retreat of glaciers over the years.
Many Glacier Hotel lobby
1 hour

Jack Gladstone’s “Buckskin PoetSongs”
Explore Native American Heritage with the artistic stylings of storysmith, Jack Gladstone. Listen to tribal stories, animal legends, character portraits, and historical eras woven together through song and story.
Tickets are \$5 and available at the door (cash only). Free for children ages 12 and younger.
Many Glacier Hotel Lucerne Room
1 hour

Children’s Programs

Children’s programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while in attendance.

Geology Rocks!
“Rock” out with a ranger exploring the geology of Glacier National Park. Geared for families with children ages 5-12.
Many Glacier Campground Amphitheater
30 minutes



Hotel Tours

Historic Hotel Tour
Join a ranger for a tour of the historic Many Glacier Hotel and learn about its history and restoration.
Many Glacier Hotel lobby
1 hour, some walking with stairs

Boat Tours & Hikes

Purchase tickets in advance. Fee: \$24.25 adults, \$12 children ages 4-12, free for ages 3 and younger. Call 406-257-2426 for reservations. Reservations are highly recommended.

Boat Trip & Hike to Grinnell Valley
Meet for a cruise on Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes and an optional hike to Grinnell Lake.
Boat dock behind the Many Glacier Hotel
3½ hours, easy 2-mile hike (3.2 km)

Boat Trip & Hike to Grinnell Glacier
View spectacular scenery, including one of the park’s receding glaciers. Upper sections of the trail may not be accessible until late summer due to snow hazards.
Boat dock behind the Many Glacier Hotel
8½ hours, strenuous 8.5-mile hike (13.7 km)



St. Mary Valley		T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	
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10:00 am	Wild About Wilderness Hike	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
10:00 am	Boat Trip & Hike to Baring and St. Mary Falls	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
1:00 pm	Here Comes the Sun	🦽					•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			
1:30 pm	Animal Olympics for Kids		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
1:30 pm	Junior Rangers Unite!	•							•							•								•							•		
2:00 pm	Boat Trip & Hike to Baring and St. Mary Falls	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7:00 pm	Glacier's Superheroes	🦽		•		•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•			•		•		•		
7:00 pm	Blackfeet Singers and Dancers	🦽		•						•							•							•							•		
8:00 pm	St. Mary Campground Ranger Talk	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
8:00 pm	Native America Speaks	🦽			•						•							•							•							•	
8:00 pm	Rising Sun Campground Ranger Talk	🦽	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		
9:30 pm	Half the Park Happens After Dark	🦽					•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			

Walks & Hikes

Wild About Wilderness Hike
Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act! Explore the 3-mile Beaver Pond loop trail, a favorite of the local park rangers. Hike through meadows, forest, and a burned area, while enjoying mountain vistas—ideal habitats for a variety of wildflowers and wildlife.
1913 Ranger Station parking lot
2½ hours, easy-moderate 3-mile (4.8 km) hike

Boat Tours & Hikes

Purchase tickets in advance. Fee: \$24.25 adults, \$12 children ages 4-12, free for ages 3 and younger. Call 406-257-2426 for reservations. Reservations highly recommended.

Boat Trip & Hike to Baring and St. Mary Falls
Cruise with a ranger on St. Mary Lake. Take in spectacular views and learn about Glacier’s ever-changing landscape. Take the optional 3-mile round-trip hike to Baring and St. Mary Falls and catch a later boat back.
Rising Sun Boat Dock
(6 miles west of the St. Mary Visitor Center on the Going-to-the-Sun Road)
1½ hours, boat tour only
3½ hours, boat and hike, easy 3-mile hike (4.8 km)



Wild Goose overlook on St. Mary Lake

Evening Programs

Native America Speaks
Members of the Kootenai and Blackfeet Tribes share their cultural histories and traditions with visitors. Non-campers welcome. Limited parking space available.
Rising Sun Campground Amphitheater
45 minutes

Rising Sun Campground Ranger Talk
Experience a national park tradition by joining a ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics.
Rising Sun Campground Amphitheater
45 minutes

St. Mary Campground Ranger Talk
Experience a national park tradition by joining a ranger for an engaging look at the natural and cultural history of the park. Check bulletin boards for specific topics.
St. Mary Campground Amphitheater, Loop C
45 minutes



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Demonstrations

Blackfeet Singers and Dancers
Join the Blackfeet Singers and Dancers with leaders Joe McKay and Ray Croff as they provide insight into contemporary and traditional Blackfeet history and culture through narration and fancy, jingle, traditional, and grass dance demonstrations. Seating is limited.
Tickets go on sale the morning of the performance and are available at the St. Mary Visitor Center Bookstore. Cash only at the door. \$5.00 for adults. Children 12 and under free. St. Mary Visitor Center Auditorium (Enter auditorium through side doors near the restrooms)
90 minutes

Sky Viewing Programs

Half The Park Happens After Dark
Join an astronomer-in-the-park for a tour of the heavens and learn why protecting dark skies is so important to all life on our planet. Offered on clear nights only.
St. Mary Visitor Center parking lot
Set up begins at 9:30 pm, viewing begins at dark and will go until 12:30 am. To ensure best night sky viewing please arrive before viewing time.

Here Comes The Sun
Every day the source of all life on planet earth crosses the sky. The Sun is a spectacular sight when viewed safely through special solar telescopes. Join us for a peek at the star that powers our planet and gives us life. Offered on sunny days only.
St. Mary Visitor Center parking lot
Anytime between 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Mountain goat at Logan Pass

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Children’s Programs

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Animal Olympics for Kids!
Join a ranger for a fun, interactive program where kids can test their abilities against Glacier’s amazing animal athletes. This program is geared for families with children ages 5-12.
1913 Ranger Station parking lot
20-30 minutes

Glacier’s Superheroes
Faster than a speeding moose? More powerful than a grizzly bear? Able to leap tall mountains in a single bound? It’s...Glacier’s wildlife! Discover the incredible super powers of Glacier’s wildlife during this hands-on, interactive talk.
Rising Sun Campground Amphitheater
20-30 minutes

Junior Rangers Unite!
Calling all Junior Rangers! Come together and learn about how you can help make a difference in protecting our national parks. If you are not a Junior Ranger, come learn how to be one. If you have completed the program in other parks, bring your collection of other Junior Ranger badges/patches. Recommended for ages 5-12.
1913 Ranger Station parking lot
20-30 minutes



Junior rangers in the making

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10:00 am	Alpine Rendezvous (10 am to 11 am)							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1:00 pm	Alpine Rendezvous (1 pm to 2 pm)							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1:00 pm	Highline to Haystack Hike																				•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•		•
see below	Goodbye to the Glaciers Walk						•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Walks & Hikes

Goodbye to the Glaciers Walk
The evidence of our changing planet surrounds you at Logan Pass. Join a ranger for a walk on the paved paths behind the Logan Pass Visitor Center and witness the impact of climate change on Glacier’s landscape.
Upper level doors of Logan Pass Visitor Center
20 minutes, easy 0.25-mile walk (0.4 km)
2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm

Highline to Haystack Hike
Explore the Highline Trail packed with panoramas of alpine meadows, glacially sculpted valleys, and mountain peaks in an area abundant with wildlife.
Flagpoles in front of Logan Pass Visitor Center
5 hours, moderate 7-mile hike (11.3 km)
500 ft elevation gain

Drop-in Programs

Park rangers will be available during the times listed. “Drop-in” and see what we are up to. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

Alpine Rendezvous
Explore the beauty, diversity, and hardships found in the alpine environment.
0.25 mile up the Hidden Lake Trail
Anytime 10:00 am–11:00 am, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

Other Guided Services

Park concessioners offer a variety of other guided activities throughout the park. Reservations are required. Tour length and prices vary. Check page nine of the Glacier Visitor Guide for information.

Park Concessioners	Activity	Contact Info
Glacier Guides, Inc.	Day hikes and backpacking trips	800-521-RAFT
Swan Mountain Outfitters	Horseback rides	877-888-5557
Sun Tours	Tours highlighting Blackfeet culture	800-786-9220
Glacier National Park Lodges	Historic Red Bus tours	855-733-4522

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